



The Ashlar



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From The East



The Charge of the Third Degree places much emphasis on the conduct of a Master Mason. It seems to assume that the newly made Master Mason is fully aware of the pitfalls into which he may stumble, for, it says he is authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of his less informed Brethren.

The constant duty of a Master Mason is "to preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied." Leading a good life is the best means of carrying through individual responsibility to one's lodge and the Craft. The conduct of each Master Mason is his own responsibility, and he must always strive to choose the course which will bring credit to him and honor to the fraternity.

In 1823, the Farmer's Almanac, Andover, Massachusetts, gave the following account of the Character of a Freemason:

"A real Master Mason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestricted rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Master Mason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the many blessings he has received and in humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

In every moment of a busy life, in lodge, in public, at work, at pleasure, with our families, even when we are alone, let us remember that we are Master Masons, and conduct ourselves accordingly.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

From The West



It was my pleasure to attend the Annual Conference of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada in July. Your response is probably "So what does that have to do with masonry?" While there, I heard something like this: Ritual is important in worship, for when the mind hears repeated things, that opens the mind to hear something new. In other words, framed in the familiar, we are more receptive to new ideas.

This started me thinking about ritual work in the lodge. Many brethren might easily say, "Why go to lodge? They just do the same thing over and over again." True. Yet, there is comfort in hearing the words [done well]. There is that night when you might hear the words in a different way and gain new insights into the depth of meaning that is masonry. At stated meetings, you are more open to hear what the speaker has to say.

So whether you are repeating memorized scripture passages, singing hymns in your head [or at low voice], or thinking about our ritual, don't think you are losing your mind. You are expanding your brain and increasing understanding. The lodge can assist you with this if you will allow us.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



I again write you from Denver, Colorado on my second trip here in a month's time. My son completed his second cancer operation on July 14th without complication. Following this operation his surgeon was very pleased to tell us that what he took was very small and that he did a thorough examination on the rest of his lung and found nothing. He continued to tell us that he felt the prior blood clot was associated with the past surgery and that he had no concern for further complications of the kind with the second

procedure. He also said that he is confident that there are no cancerous areas in either lung.

On July 16th I had the good fortune of being the one who brought him home. He is progressing well so far and now needs to focus on his rest and regaining his energy level. He is in high spirits and is very anxious to return to work. I will be returning to VA Beach on July 18th and his mother will stay on for another week. Unfortunately I will be absent from the Table Lodge since I have been taken away from Right Worshipful Tom's Ritual School that prepared our team for the event; additionally, I was unsure as to what complications may associate themselves with my son's procedure, both led me to ask Worshipful Steve for a rain check on the event. Worshipful Steve and my fellow Line Officers have been incredibly supportive during all of this, their rock solid support has epitomized Masonic Brotherhood.

Thanks to all for your prayers, reaching out to my family with cards and phone calls, and for your continuing friendship; of most importance, a huge THANK YOU to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, without him none of this would be possible.

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2014

September	Jesse Luther Monroe	25 Years
	Archie Richard Nobles	50 Years
October	Robert Halstead DeFord, Jr.	60 Years
November	Joe Emerson Brown	50 Years
	William Keith Cole	25 Years
	Donald Lee McBride	60 Years

Trestleboard

August 4	Ritual School, 7PM
August 11	Ritual School, 7PM
August 12	Stated Communication, 6PM
August 18	District Blood Drive Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 2-7PM
August 18	Ritual School with Bayside Lodge at Kempsville, 7PM
August 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
September 1	Ritual School, 7PM
September 8	Ritual School, 7PM
September 9	Stated Communication, 6PM
September 14	Annual Family Picnic, 1-4PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at www.kempsvillelodge.org.

Community Service

Thanks to the following individuals who helped with the cleanup of Stratford Chase Recreational Park in support of the Adopt-A-Spot Program:

- Mr. Robert Moore
- Brother Matt Zardeskas & Family
- Brother Dennis DiMaggio
- Worshipful Bill Peterson
- Worshipful Steve Ridgeway

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and family members in your thoughts and prayers.

- Brother Greg Muir and Family – son undergoing treatment for cancer
- Brother Gary King and Family –loss of their son Kevin
- Worshipful Bob Lockwood – that he will regain his health and be able to return to lodge
- Brother Tom Thomas – recovering from a motorcycle accident
- Brother Ralph Ward – wife recovering from recent hospital stay
- Brother Terry Bledsoe – surgery to put in pacemaker
- Brother Bob Foxwell - recovering from a recent hospital stay

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

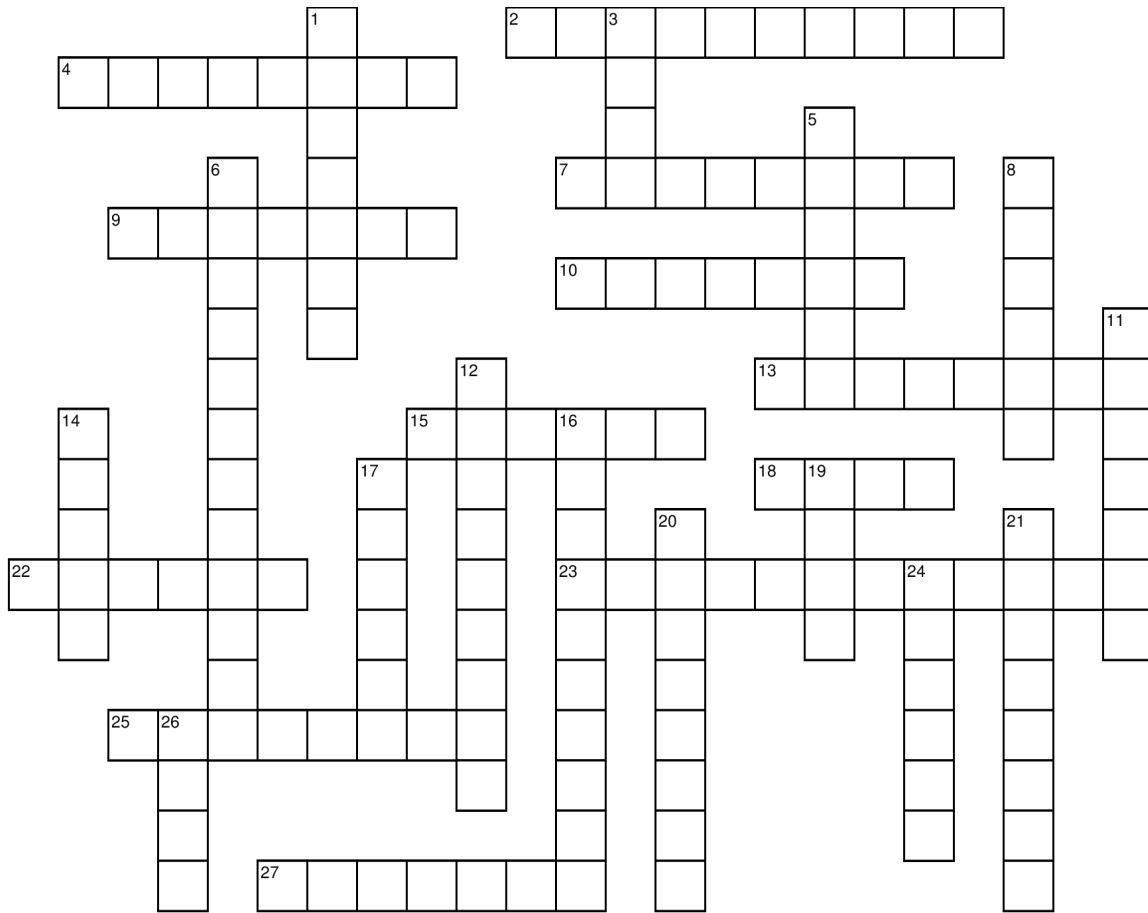
Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

Dorothy Hudson	August 7 th
Joyce Stukey	August 11 th
Sarah Faye Ward	August 13 th
Samia Salesby	August 26 th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact Right Worshipful Bill Knowles or the Secretary.

Youth Corner

Kempsville Lodge retains the distinction of proudly sponsoring one of the most active and thriving Job’s Daughters bethels in all of Virginia. The caliber of these outstanding young ladies was fully exemplified as Bethel 42 traveled to Ferrum College to attend the state’s annual Grand Session. Both the bethel as well as individual members took home honors and distinctions too numerous to list here. Congratulations to Miss Samantha White,



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ACROSS

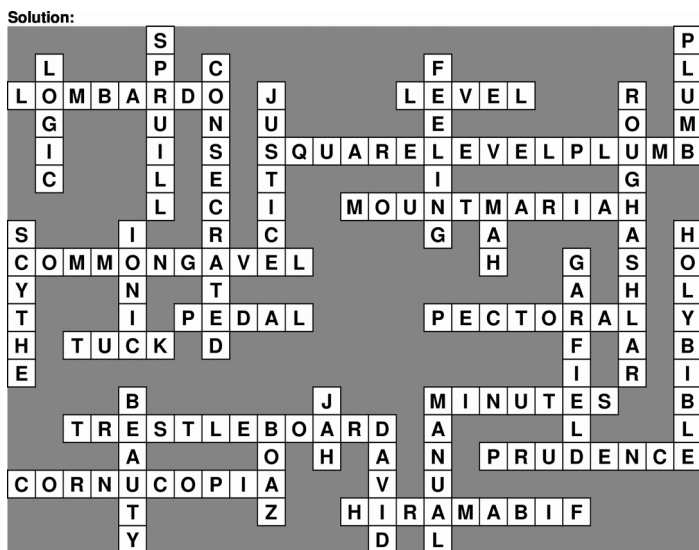
- 2 A brotherhood, in which blood-bonds are replaced by a common devotion to a principle, code, or creed.
- 4 Term used in speaking of Masons, and in this connection is preferable to "brothers".
- 7 A blindfold, which is a symbol of secrecy.
- 9 The title of the ruler of ancient Egypt.
- 10 Going from one degree to the next after showing proficiency in the preceding degree.
- 13 The position of the sun at noon.
- 15 Comes from two Hebrew words meaning "God will establish".
- 18 Comes from the Hebrew meaning "in strength".
- 22 A tent like covering, sky.
- 23 A drawing, picture, or example.
- 25 Symbolizes that state of ignorance before light (knowledge) is recieved.
- 27 Capable of being read.

DOWN

- 1 A non-Mason.
- 3 Lucis Latin meaning "In the Year of Light" (two words).
- 5 A figure which has neither beginning nor end and symbolizes eternity.
- 6 One who attempts to listen surreptitiously.
- 8 The first mathematician to systematize the science of geometry.
- 11 Old, time honored.
- 12 Instructions of Freemasonry.
- 14 The Sacred Volume of Mohammedan Law.
- 16 Half of the earth's surface.
- 17 An advanced age when the mind is no longer able to comprehend clearly.
- 19 A solemn affirmation, in the name of God, that what one testifies is true.
- 20 Analogy or companion; a story told to illustrate a principle.
- 21 Faithfulness.
- 24 To apply oil to, or pour oil on, particularly holy oil as a sign of elevation to kingship or consecration to priesthood.
- 26 Meaning is "His father".

And speaking of outstanding Masonic youth, Kempsville DeMolay's own Dakota Burns was honored with the noteworthy distinction of being elevated to the rank and dignity of the Degree of Chevalier, the highest honor which the Order of DeMolay can confer upon an active member. Dakota is a Past Master Councilor and long-time member of Kempsville Chapter and has served his chapter in a number of capacities during his years of service. The Degree of Chevalier is a distinction conferred upon the most exemplary members of the Order in recognition of exceptional service to the Order of DeMolay and to one's chapter in particular.

July Crossword Answer



The Morlock award (named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94) is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. The award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the

Kempsville Lodge will need approximately 75 contributing members in order to qualify for this award in 2014. We currently have thirty-six (36) contributors.

It has been a long and productive year for our blood drives. We are currently sitting at 4% over last years total and are well on our way to meeting the challenge of a 25% increase for this year. Our totals this year are being accomplished in no small part to the credit of Worshipful Michael Johnstone who regularly donates blood plasma. Let us have a good showing at our lodge on August 16th for the final total blood drive for this year. Masons not only give from the heart, they give from their veins.

Masonic Birthdays for August

The Brethren shown above have a total of 713
years in Masonry!

Grand Master's Official Visit

The Official District Visit of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, will be on September 13, 2014 at Bayside Masonic Lodge.



The event will commence in the dining hall at 10:30AM. This portion of the event will be "OPEN" and will include comments from the Grand Master. Brethren, Ladies and Guests are encouraged to attend. A "CLOSED" (Tiled) Communication will commence in the Lodge Room at 12 noon. There will be entertainment provided in the dining hall for the Ladies and Guests during the Tiled Communication.

For planning purposes, we need to get a somewhat accurate account of who will be attending this event. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the Worshipful Master (Steve Ridgeway: 575-270-7338; ridgeway.s.a@hotmail.com) or the Lodge Secretary (Worshipful Bob Stanek: 757-619-7646; bob.stanek@gmail.com) as soon as possible. RSVP's must be in no later than August 24, 2014.

Table Lodge



A packed house for the July 22nd Table Lodge held in memory of Right Worshipful William Hollowell Pierce.

Interesting Trick

Take your Lodge number and double it. Add 5. Multiply by 50. Add your age. Add the number of days in a year. Subtract 615. The first three (or two or four) numbers of the result will be your Lodge Number. The last two will be your age.

Instructive Tongue, Attentive Ear

As Fellowcrafts, we are given the Instructive Tongue, the Attentive Ear, and the Faithful Breast.

It has been my experience that most Masons are more than willing to use the Instructive Tongue. We have all been part of a degree with six prompters (usually all saying something different). We like to help and we want to inform others, share with them the knowledge that we have. This is one of the passions many of us struggle to subdue. We sometimes tend to employ the Instructive Tongue before we have engaged the Attentive Ear.

The Attentive Ear is where it starts. It is how we learn our work. It is also the first step in practicing our tenets. Brotherly love starts by listening to a Brother's story. Relief starts by listening to a Brother's struggles, his problems. Truth begins when we listen to the beliefs and ideas of others and then quietly contemplate and form our own.

The Instructive Tongue, Attentive Ear, and Faithful Breast are the reasons we, as a fraternity, have survived the centuries. They are the reason we are valid and needed today. They are what will make us valid in the future.

How many problems are caused in Lodges and in life by an unbridled instructive tongue? The trouble comes when we get the order wrong.

The Instructive Tongue must teach us first. This is what the Attentive Ear hears. Then the Attentive Ear fills the Faithful Breast and then, and only then' will the Instructive Tongue, in turn, be ready to pass on to others the secrets of Freemasonry, our history, our stories, and our ritual.

MSA Short Talk Bulletin

That's Not My Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The Man In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you King for a day,
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
and see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgement upon you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

You may be Jack Horner and chisel a plum
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please – never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

On This Day

So far as I am acquainted with the principles and
Doctrines of Free Masonry, I conceive it to be
founded in benevolence and to be exercised on for
the good of mankind.

George Washington
Brother George Washington received the
third degree on August 4, 1753

It is a wonderful thing to be a builder; and if you
stop to recall, the Order was begun by builders. On

had to be a builder, and the great Order has been
building in fraternity for centuries, and building
always to a higher and better citizenship among
those who subscribe to the oaths of the Order.

Warren G. Harding
Brother Harding received his second degree
on August 13, 1920 and departed this
life on August 20, 1923

Parting Shot

A man should never be ashamed to own he has
been wrong, which is saying he is wiser today than
he was yesterday.

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